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## **THE NETHERLANDS – Standard Missiles**

On 22 July 2002, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to The Netherlands of SM-2 Standard Missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$21 million.

The Government of the Netherlands has requested a possible sale of 14 SM-2 Block IIIA Interrupted Continuous Wave Illumination STANDARD missiles (5 tactical missiles with warheads and 9 telemetry missiles), 14 MK 13 MOD 0 canisters, containers, spare and repair parts, supply support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$21 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the military capabilities of the Netherlands and furthering standardization and interoperability.

The Netherlands will install these missiles on its new frigates and operate the frigates in a manner similar to its current ship operations. The Netherlands, which already has STANDARD missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems Company of Tucson, Arizona. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the Netherlands.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.